

Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding



**Executive Committee
Meeting**

May 16, 2019



Previous Steps

Late 2017:
**Initiated BRP
(CCMP) Revision**

June 2018:
**Initiated
facilitator-led
review process**

December 2018:
**EPA presented on
NEP Structures**

Dec. 2018 – Jan.
2019: **GB, EC, and
WAC Workshops**

February 2019:
**Conducted
eSurvey**

April 2019:
**Presented survey
summary at GB
meeting**

MOU History and Significant Amendments

2003

- Developed and signed MOU

Amended

2011

- Increased the number of Governing Board (GB) voting members
- Expanded local watershed membership on GB and authorized the GB to elect additional members of the public
- Expanded role of local Councils of Governments on the Governing Board
- Established the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) and specified manner of annual WAC meetings

Amended

2014

- Removed requirement for amending MOU to add WAC members

Why Amend the MOU?



Summary of Comments to Date

- Strong support of the activities and operation of the current SMBNEP Management Conference and desire to remain active and involved.
- Assess and modify governance components to improve their contributions to the Management Conference and reduce administrative inefficiencies.
- Improve efforts to raise funds, make policy, educate stakeholders, and communicate decision-making.



Proposed Process and Schedule for Updating the MOU

Milestone	2019 Date
Scoping at the Governing Board Meeting	June 20
Staff prepares a draft markup of the MOU and releases it for GB/public comment	~July 29
Staff workshop to discuss draft language	August 15
Written Comments Due	August 22
Staff incorporate comments and release revised draft with Response to Comments	October 14
Governing Board consideration of approval*	October 24

*The Governing Board may direct staff to make additional revisions during this meeting or conduct another public comment period.



Goals



Update and clarify the composition, roles, responsibilities, policy, and practices of Commission groups

Improve the ability to implement the newly adopted Action Plan

Enhance the SMBNEP partnership to serve effectively as the Management Conference of the SMBNEP

Streamline processes and improve program efficacy



Scope of Proposed MOU Amendment

- 1) Evaluate the Commission's mission, objectives, authorities, and purpose statements.
- 2) Assess the Governing Board membership.



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- 3) Clearly define and enhance the partnership between the Commission and the NEP host entity (TBF).
- 4) Assess the governance components:
 - Add the Executive Committee to MOU
 - Improve the functions of the Watershed Advisory Council.



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- 5) Clearly define roles and responsibilities of governance components.
- 6) Identify opportunities to streamline inefficiencies (i.e., evaluate meeting frequency and duration).



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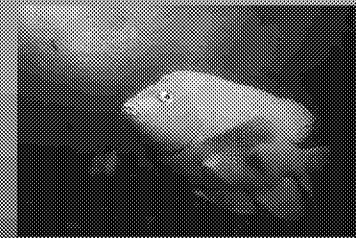
- 7) Reform the mechanism for public outreach and information dissemination.
- 8) Assess need for special committees to address targeted issues.





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- 9) Fix outdated/erroneous provisions.
- 10) Evaluate other items raised during the scoping and comment period.

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